TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
GLOUCESTER COUNTY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 25, 2025
6:00 P.M.

Councilman Mr. Del Borrello called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. in the council room located at 523 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell, New Jersey. Mr. Del Borrello delivered the Sunshine Notice and safety awareness notices.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilman Mr. Del Borrello led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL
Township Clerk Ms. Ciallella took roll call. Councilmembers Mr. Brown, Mr. Harris, Mr. Yerkes and Mr. Del Borrello were present. Mayor DellaPia and Attorney Mr. Rooney were present. Mr. Russo was absent.

PRESENTATIONS
- Bob Lister, owner of Monster Golf, introduced himself to the community. He is grateful for the support he received from Mayor, Council, Construction Official Anthony DeSimone and the staff in the Construction Department. The Grand Opening is this Saturday with a ribbon cutting at 11:00 AM. Monster Golf is located at 1 Shoppers Lane in the building previously occupied by Royal Bargains. They have mini golf, laser tag, an arcade, bowling and more. He is committed to the Washington Township community and working with the schools and sports programs.
- Frank Altamuro, Director of Public Works gave an update on the new trash carts.

The new automated trash collection will begin next Monday, June 30th. All residents should have received the Township three provided carts – trash, recycling and yard waste. Many of you have opted out of the yard waste carts. If you would like to opt out of the green yard waste carts, you may go to our website, click on the yard waste link and fill out the short form OR you may call the Municipal Services office and any one of my staff will be happy to assist with that request. If anyone has not received any specific carts OR none at all, please call our office so we can rectify this issue. We had a 3rd party distributing carts and unfortunately, we are left with many issues. We will be updating our website and social media in the coming weeks for those of you who would like an additional cart ($100 - 10-year lease), give us 2-4 weeks for delivery. We ask all of you to please be patient during this transition. We understand it's a change for our residents, but it is also a change for our Administration and our Municipal Services Department. Old trash cans that you wish to dispose of can be put out on the Friday that you are scheduled for bulk trash pick up. Please turn the can upside down so the haulers know to take it for trash.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST
Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to approve the June 25, 2025 Bill List. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for June 11, 2025. Mr. Yerkes motioned. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

ORDINANCES

O014-2025 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING $535,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $508,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to open to the public Ordinance O014-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

No one wished to speak.

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to close to the public Ordinance O014-2025. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance O014-2025. Mr. Yerkes motioned. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

O015-2025 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES"

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance O015-2025. Mr. Harris motioned. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Public Hearing and Adoption will take place on July 16, 2025.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were part of the consent agenda and only required a vote for all listed. Township Clerk Ciallella read each one by title.

R171-2025 RESOLUTION APPOINTING ERIC CAVENG AS PART-TIME RECYCLING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

R172-2025 RESOLUTION APPOINTING BARBARA MOORE AS DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

R173-2025 RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2025 FORD MAVERICK (W8B) XL AWD SUPERCREW 121.1" WB 4.5' BOX FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM

R174-2025 RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT THROUGH THE CAMDEN COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE TO SOUTH JERSEY TURF CONSULTANTS, LLC FOR TURF APPLICATION AND SERVICE FOR THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNTY HOUSE SOCCER FIELD #4

R175-2025 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE NJDEP 2025 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $94,340.46

R176-2025 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2025 CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $122,057.84

R177-2025 RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR 2025 OPERATION HELPING HANDS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,000.00

R178-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENTS

R179-2025 RESOLUTION CANCELLING TAXES FOR SHAIN GALLO TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 82.20 LOT 15.03, 22 IPSWICH PL., EFFECTIVE MAY 7, 2025

R180-2025 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PERFORMANCE BOND FROM SUBURBAN DISPOSAL, INC., 54 MONTESANO RAOD, FAIRFIELD, NJ 07004

R181-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER AND ACCEPTING A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FROM SDW CONSTRUCTION, INC FOR APPALOOSA WAY EROSION STABILIZATION, PROJECT #08-18-T-416

R182-2025 RESOOLUTION APPROVING A LARGE GATHERING APPLICATION FOR JMK EVENTS TACO PALOOZA FESTIVAL IN WASHINGTON LAKE PARK ON JULY 12, 2025

R183-2025 RESOLUTION APPROVING A LARGE GATHERING APPLICATION FOR JMK EVENTS SEAFOOD FESTIVAL IN WASHINGTON LAKE PARK ON AUGUST 30, 2025

R184-2025 RESOLUTION APPROVING A LARGE GATHERING APPLICATION FOR JMK EVENTS FOOD TRUCK & MUSIC FESTIVAL IN WASHINGTON LAKE PARK ON OCTOBER 11, 2025

R185-2025 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMUSEMENT PARK AND GAMES LICENSE FROM JULY 1, 2025 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025 FOR BOWLERO TURNERSVILLE, TURNERSVILLE, NJ 08012

R186-2025 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMUSEMENT PARK AND GAMES LICENSE FROM JULY 1, 2025 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025 FOR MONSTER MINI GOLF, 1 SHOPPERS LANE, TURNERSVILLE, NJ 08012

R187-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF WITMAN DINER CORPORATION LIQUOR LICENSE #0818-33-020-004 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR THE YEAR 2025-2026

R188-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE RENEWAL OF BGI SEWELL LLC LIQUOR LICENSE #0818-33-006-009 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON FOR THE YEAR 2025-2026

R189-2025 RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT THROUGH THE CAMDEN COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE TO SOUTH JERSEY TURF CONSULTANTS, LLC FOR SERVICES TO THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COUNTY HOUSE SOCCER FIELD #1

R190-2025 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ENGINEERING INSPECTION ESCROW FROM FRED AZIMI FOR BELLA VISTA VILLAGE, 200 DELSEA DRIVE, SEWELL, NJ, BLOCK 17 LOTS 1, ESCROW #2026, PROJECT #08-18-P-013

R191-2025 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, COMMITTING TO FOURTH ROUND HOUSING PLAN ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT IT TO THE COURTS AND THE NEW JERSEY FAIR HOUSING ACT ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to approve Resolution R171-2025 through R191-2025. Mr. Yerkes motioned. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS / REPORTS

- **Mr. Harris** – Thank you Frank Altamuro for your hard work with the new trash carts. ◈ There are still openings for organizations and groups to participate in the 4th of July Parade which begins at 6:30 PM. Fireworks are at the High School after the parade. ◈ He, along with Mayor and Councilmembers, attended the grand opening of the Ronald McDonald House at Jefferson Hospital. ◈ He is very impressed with Monster Golf and happy Bob Lister had a good experience opening his business in our town. Bob is excited to help organizations with fundraising.
- **Mr. Yerkes** – He attended the grand opening of the Ronald McDonald House at Jefferson. John & Kathy Durante's names are at the entrance and are to be saluted for giving back. ◈ Remember that beginning Monday you cannot use your old trash cans. ◈ Happy 249th Birthday America! We hope to see everyone at the parade!
- **Mayor DellaPia** – Congratulations Eric Caveng and Barb Moore on their appointments! ◈ The Ronald McDonald closed during COVID but has reopened at Jefferson Hospital and is the first one in the world in the ER. He, along with councilmembers, got to tour the hospital. The view of Washington Township from the helipad is beautiful! ◈ Thank you Public Works for your hard work at the Shred Event! There were 412 vehicles and 14,860 pounds of shred material that filled 2 trucks! ◈ Come out to the 4th of July Parade and enjoy the fireworks after!
- **Mr. Brown** – We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the 4th of July parade which will be led by our emergency services. ◈ The Library is hosting Open Mic Night on June 26th from 6-8 PM. Truck Night is July 30th at 6:30 PM for kids of all ages. Now through August 31st is the Library's Summer Reading Program. ◈ He attended the induction of new officers of the Wedgewood Women's Club and honored long time member Rose Ann Perri who retired. Thank you for your service and congratulations on your retirement! ◈ Please sign up for the Everbridge app to receive important alerts and messages.
- **Ms. Ciallella** – Congratulations to Barb on her reappointment!
- **Mr. Del Borrello** – Ronald McDonald House was awesome. Jefferson is doing great things! ◈ Congratulations to the Graduates of the Class of 2025! ◈ The grand opening of Monster Golf is this Saturday. They have invested over $1 million in our town. As always, we are open for business! Please reach out if you have a business idea. It takes time but the Black Horse Pike is changing! ◈ Please vote in the Best of Gloucester County. Last year we had 20 of our businesses win! ◈ Thank you to the Police Department for Pops with Cops in the park! ◈ On July 21st from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM at Camden County College there is a Constituent's Service Event hosted by Congressman Donald Norcross. These events provide great information. ◈ Congratulations Barb on your reappointment! ◈ Please visit our website for information and updates about the new trash and recycling collection process effective June 30, 2025. ◈ Join us for movies and music in Washington Lake Park. Please check the calendar on the website for details. ◈ The Margaret E. Heggan Library offers many events. Please check their website for information on Heggan Happenings! ◈ All dogs in the

Township are required to be registered and vaccinated. Please stop in the Clerk's Office to register your dog for 2025. ◈ Summer hours for the Municipal Complex began the Friday after Memorial Day and will continue until Labor Day. ◈ Please join us for our 4th of July Celebration. Parade kicks off at 6:00 PM and fireworks begin at 9:00 PM at the High School. ◈ Come out for Taco Palooza in Washington Lake Park on July 12th beginning at 11:00 AM! Enjoy tacos, beer, sangria, music and more!

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the members present.

- Mary Matulewicz, 21 Milburn Avenue – spoke about concerns regarding the residents of the sober living home in the Grenloch community.

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public. Mr. Brown motioned. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Del Borrello stated Council will be going into Executive Session regarding litigation and personnel. Motion was made by Mr. Brown to approve **R192-2025 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION**. Mr. Yerkes seconded the motion. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

Executive Session was entered into at 6:49 PM.

Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to exit Executive Session at 9:07 PM. Mr. Brown motioned. Seconded by Mr. Yerkes. Mr. Yerkes, Mr. Harris, Mr. Brown and Mr. Del Borrello voted yes.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Council meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM. Mr. Del Borrello asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Yerkes motioned. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Ciallella, RMC/CMR
Township Clerk

Peter Del Borrello, III
Council President